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HALTWHISTLE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

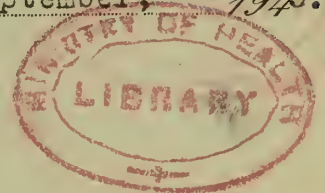
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*Haltwhistle,*

6th September, 1943.



Dear Sir,

Vital Statistics-1941.

On behalf of Dr. J. M. Glasse, Medical Officer to this Authority, I beg to forward herewith vital statistics for the year ending 31st Dec. 1941, and also **3** copies of curtailed report for 1942.

Yours faithfully,

Per Pro. J. M. Glasse M.O.H.

*F. J. Lawson*

The Secretary.  
Ministry of Health.  
Whitehall.  
London.

*Waiting form 26 Sep*

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To the Chairman & Members of the  
Haltwhistle Rural District Council

Ladies & Gentlemen,

The following is a curtailed report owing  
to War conditions.

The area of the Haltwhistle Rural District  
is 96,334 acres.

The estimated population for 1942 is 7,750.

The number of inhabited houses at the end of  
1942 was 3269.

The sum represented by one penny rate is  
£139.9s.7d.

The Rateable Value equals £35,978

#### Vital Statistics.

The Death Rate is 11 per 1,000 population as compared with  
16 per 1,000 population for the previous year.

The Birth Rate is 19.3 per 1,000 population as compared with  
14.5 per 1,000 population for the previous year.

#### Tuberculosis.

Number of cases 4 as compared with 5 for the previous year.

<u>Publ.</u>		<u>Non-Publ.</u>		<u>Total</u>	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1.	3.	—	—	1.	3.

#### Births registered during 1942:-

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Legitimate .. .. .	60	67	127
Illegitimate .. .. .	4.	4.	8.
Stillbirths .. .. .	—	—	—

#### Deaths Registered during 1942:-

(Increased Transferable Deaths)

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
	42	44	86.

#### Deaths from Tuberculosis:-

<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>Total</u>
<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	
—	1.	—	—	—

#### Deaths from Cancer:-

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
	5.	—	12

As compared with 12 in 1941.

Causes of Death:-			M.	F.
Ac. Encephalomyel: C. Polio-enceph:	..	..	1.	-.
Appendicitis	..	..	2.	-.
Bronchitis	..	..	3.	1.
Cancer (all forms)	..	..	3.	9.
Con. mal: birth inj: infant dis:	..	..	2.	3.
Diabetes	..	..	1.	1.
Gangrene	..	..	-.	2.
Heart Disease	..	..	23.	22.
Pneumonia	..	..	1.	1.
Tuberculosis (respiratory)	..	..	-.	1.
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	..	..	1.	-.
All other causes	..	..	5.	4.
All causes	..	..	42.	44.
				86

### Housing.

Number of inhabited houses at end of 1942 - 2239.

Number of new houses built in 1942 - Nil.

Work in connection with the inspection and reconditioning of property under the Housing Acts has been largely discontinued except where works of repair were urgently required.

Compulsory action to obtain the vacating of one house, the subject of a Demolition Order and situated at Elm Side, Slaggyford, has been taken by the Council during the past year and the requisite notice served upon the owner not to resist in view of the unsatisfactory condition of the premises.

### Water Supply.

Certain works of improvement carried out by the Council in 1941 and 1942 have tended materially to improve the serious conditions prevailing in regard to water supply in the areas of Henshaw and Birkshaw (Westwood supply).

In the case of the village of Henshaw, formerly supplied by a roadside well which was proved on analysis to be subject to surface pollution, the water main was extended from the village of Holkridge a distance of 2,650 yards in spur iron pipes supplied by Messrs. Cochrane, Liddesbrough.

This main was coupled to the existing 3" C.I. main at Townhouse and a controlling valve fixed at the point of connection.

It is now possible by this arrangement and in the event of water shortage being experienced by the Bardon Hill supply to deliver from the Holkridge mains into the latter reservoir which is at a considerably lower level than the Holkridge reservoir, such water as may be required to alleviate a bad shortage at Bardon Hill.

Further investigations with a view to finding additional springs at Holkridge and feeding them into the existing reservoir are to be undertaken with a view to still further improving this general position.

Two automatic stand pipes were erected in the village of Henshaw and various branch pipes taken from the main in its passage through the village.

With a view to still further controlling the feeding of water from the Holkridge - Henshaw supply into the Bardon Hill Reservoir, a connection has been made in the form of a by-pass through a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " pipe and meter and controlled by a S.T. to regulate more accurately the volume of water passing from one main into the other.



### Birkshaw (Westwood) Supply.

Acute and prolonged shortage of water was experienced on the above supply during the Summer of 1942.

In order to ease the position which was serious and in danger of creating serious nuisance a controlling valve was inserted in the Birkshaw main, thus cutting off eight properties from this supply. A length of approximately 120 yards 3" galv. iron pipe was then laid between the Bardon Hill and Birkshaw mains and the mains thus coupled, the eight houses above referred to are now fed from the Bardon Hill supply.

### Installation of Water Meters.

With a view to safeguarding against waste of water, meters were installed during 1942 on all branch supplies to farms obtaining water of the Council on the Hethridge - Bardon Hill water supply systems.

### Erection of Chlorination House and installation of Chlorinating plant.

Chlorination plant to deal with the water supply to the town of Halthwistle was installed during 1942, the chlorination plant being supplied and installed by Messrs. Wallace & Tiernan, London.

### Sewerage and drainage.

No works of major improvement have been carried out during the year.

One section of proposed new sewer 423 ft. in length was levelled and specification, plans and sections of proposed new work including the provision of settling tanks and small filter bed to deal with unsatisfactory conditions prevailing at Moor View, Hethridge, were prepared and submitted by the Sanitary Inspector.

Owing to the cost involved this work was reluctantly held over until such time as the Council are in a position to proceed with the major schemes of sewerage of which this would form a section - the whole of which were held over at the commencement of the War.

### Scavenging and Public Cleansing.

The Parish of Halthwistle, embracing the town of Halthwistle, in which is centred fully 50% of the entire population of the District has for some time had a recognised system of refuse collection.

Formerly carried out by contract, this service has been improved since the purchase and putting into operation in January 1941 of their own modern two-ton Bedford refuse vehicle.

This service has been extended to some degree to cover parts of the parishes of Henshaw and Thirwall.

In order to improve and quicken the scavenging collection in the parish of Halthwistle Statutory notices requiring the substitution of ashbins for existing ashpits have been served during 1942.

Two hundred ashbins were purchased by the Council during 1942 from Messrs. Butterfield of which 44 were disposed of to the public as a result of notices served up to 31st December, 1942.

## Conversion of Privy Piddens into Water carriage system - compulsory action.

Following upon non-compliance with the provisions of Statutory Notices served summary action was taken against the owner of two houses in the town of Hailwhistle.

This case was decided in favour of the Council, and the works required to be done involving new drainage and etc. subsequently carried out.

## Slaughter Houses.

One central slaughter house situated in Hailwhistle continues to serve the needs of both the Hailwhistle and Ailston areas.

Since the inception of this scheme much better supervision is possible in connection with meat inspection generally.

## Food Inspection.

<u>Unsound Food</u>	<u>Stones</u>	<u>Surrendered.</u>	<u>Seized.</u>	<u>Legal Proceedings</u>
Beef (Home killed)	300	Surrendered	--	--
" (Imported)	--	--	--	--
Mutton (Home killed)	33	33	--	--
" (Imported)	--	--	--	--
Pork	4	4	--	--
Fish	--	--	--	--
Bacon	5	--	--	--
Butter	8 <i>lbs.</i>	--	--	--

## Tinned Foods.

Total number of tinned food condemned due to decomposition and damage - 416.

## Prevalence and Control over Infectious and other diseases.

Disinfection by Formalin spray was carried out in 4 instances following upon infectious disease.

Total number of rooms disinfected - 7.

## Inspection and Supervision of Food Milk and Dairies Order, 1926 (etc).

Owing to the pressure of work in other directions and in part to the protracted illness of the Sanitary Inspector during the Summer of 1942 it is regretted that very little work under the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926 ( etc) has been possible.

Total number of inspections made -

Statutory Notices served - Nil

No Wholesale, Retail Producers & Dairymen registered.

195.

Sanitary Inspections during year ending 31st December, 1942.

	Gen	Now	Councils	Water	Sl.	Rooms	Priv.	How	Drains	How	How	Salvage	Aux.	Priv.	Insou
	Water.	Insp.	Scav.	Bldgs.	Sewers.	drains	Hses.	Dis.	Cont.	Drains	Posted	Sheds.	Ing	Supp.	Food
20/1/42	15	6	8	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	10	37	-	1
13/2/42	15	8	7	3	2	3	7	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	1
26/3/42	52	5	5	2	1	2	4	-	-	-	1	6	4	-	1
23/4/42	3	6	69	-	2	4	3	-	-	-	1	3	16	-	1
21/5/42	4	5	4	1	6	14	4	1	-	-	1	1	5	-	2
21/6/42	27	4	3	1	-	2	6	-	-	-	-	7	5	-	1
10/7/42	73	6	4	-	2	6	4	1	-	1	1	6	1	-	4
3/10/42	21	6	4	-	1	1	3	4	-	1	1	5	4	-	3
5/11/42	5	4	17	-	4	8	4	2	-	3	-	15	4	-	3
7/12/42	12	5	3	-	3	39	4	-	-	-	-	6	63	1	-
227	55	121	7	21	77	114	8	-	5	2	7	61	157	1	17

Water analysis.

Samples of water for bacteriological analysis were taken from the following:-

- Slaggyford (Town Green Supply).
- Teatherstone Timber Camp - Sample taken on behalf of Timber Production - analysis unsatisfactory.

(Signed) F.M. Glasco,  
Medical Officer of Health.

(Signed) Fred. J. Lawson,  
Sanitary Inspector.

